to the Privy Council, Their Lordships, while observing that if the current of decisions was uniform they would not interfere, felt the necessity to go into the question, as there was a difference of opinion among the High Courts. The decision was against the Madras ruling. As that would involve great hardship in the Madras Presidency, the Legislature intervened, and Section 31 of the Limitation Act is the result. This case is reported in 30 Madras. As for the other points urged by my friends, they may be duly considered by the Select Committee."

President :—"I do not agree with my non-official friends when they say that the principle of the Bill is wrong. The Bill, as it is, is not perhaps perfect and it may be that in the matter of details, some changes—important changes too—may be found necessary. But that is a matter which can be considered by the Select Committee and this Council at the subsequent stages of the Bill. So far as the principle of the Bill is concerned, I think it is all right"

Mr. Subba Aiyar's motion was put to the vote and carried.

Mr. Subba Aiyar then moved that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Rangaswami Aiyangar, Rajaraja Varma, Anantanarayana Aiyar, Raman Tampi, G. Parameswaran Pillai, Subrahmanya Pillai and the Mover to report within two months.

Seconded by Mr. Rangaswami Aiyangar.

Carried.

THE ESTATES RENT RECOVERY REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

The Secretary read out a petition from the Edapalli Chief asking for an adjournment of the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Subba Aiyar :—

"Evidently there is a misapprehension that the Regulation as a whole is going to be modified. The only thing that is sought to be introduced is to provide for the realisation of the losses that may be incurred by Government in connection with the recovery of the rent due to the estates, in a summary way. I do not think that any adjournment is necessary. I therefore beg to move that the Bill be taken up for consideration at once."

Seconded by Mr. Rangaswami Aiyangar.

Carried.

The consideration of the Bill being over, Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the Bill be read on a future day of which due notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Anantanarayana Aiyar.

Carried.

THE ELECTRICITY BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar, in presenting the report of the Select Committee on the Electricity Bill, said :—

"Under rule 47 of the Rules for the conduct of business at the meetings of the Council, where a Select Committee decides that it is not necessary that their report and the Bill as revised by them should be published, copies of the same should be sent to the Members at least fifteen days before the meeting at which the Bill is taken up for consideration. This has not been done in the present instance. The report and the Bill were circulated amongst the Members only very recently. But the Bill is purely a non-contentious measure. I therefore beg to move that the Bill be taken up for consideration at once, the operation of the rules being suspended."

Seconded by Mr. Rangaswami Aiyangar.

The consideration of the Bill being over, Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the Bill be read on a future day of which due notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Rangaswami Aiyangar.

Carried.

THE BILL FOR THE PREVENTION OF THE USE OF TOBACCO BY JUVENILES.

Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the Bill for the Prevention of the Use of Tobacco by Juveniles be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Menon.

Carried.

The Council adjourned at 4-35 P. M. and met again the next day at 12 noon, when all the Members who attended the previous day, excepting Messrs. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai and Trivikramar Vasudevar, were present.

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